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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 09-OII-1
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Order Instituting Informational Proceeding)	NOTICE FOR THE STATE
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)	ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCE
)	REBATE PROGRAM

Notice of Closure of Waiting List for Specific Appliance Categories

The California Energy Commission is providing this public notice to inform program participants that the **waiting list** for the following appliance categories under the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP) will **close on December 31, 2011**:

- ☐ Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Systems (HVAC)
- ☐ Water Heaters

Purpose

The waiting list for HVAC and water heaters is being closed in accordance with the Energy Commission's notice of December 15, 2010, which closed the SEEARP rebate offer period for HVAC and water heaters, but established a waiting list for rebate applications received after December 31, 2010. That notice explained that all new rebate applications for HVAC and water heaters postmarked after December 31, 2010, would be placed on a waiting list and awarded rebates on a first come, first serve basis as funds were available.

The notice also explained that the Energy Commission would announce the closure of the waiting list for HVAC and water heaters at a later date based on the availability of programs funds. A copy of the December 15, 2010, notice is available online at: www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/notices/2010-12-15_Note_of_Closure_for_HVAC_Water_Heaters.pdf

The waiting list for HVAC and water heaters is being closed at this time to facilitate the close-out of the program and to validate rebate claims to determine compliance with program rules consistent with the *California State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines (SEEARP Guidelines)*.

Complete rebate applications for HVAC and water heaters that are on the waiting list or postmarked as of December 31, 2011, the date the waiting list closes, will be awarded rebates on a first-come, first-served basis if funds are available.

Rebate applications for HVAC or water heaters that are received on or before December 31, 2011, but are missing information or need clarification, will have 30 days from the date of the Energy Commission's notice of deficiency to provide the necessary information or clarification. Only complete and accurate applications will be awarded rebates, provided funding is available. All other applications will be rejected.

The waiting list closure affects only the HVAC and Water Heater appliance categories. The rebate offer period for refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners closed on December 6, 2010, and no waiting list was created for these appliance categories. The notice closing the rebate offer period for these appliance categories is available online at:

www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/notices/2010-12-03_Revised_Notice_of_Closure.pdf.

The Energy Commission must expend all SEEARP funds for rebates and program activities by February 17, 2012, in accordance with the Energy Commission's grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, DE-EE0001578. This grant provides the Energy Commission \$35.2 million in funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 to implement the SEEARP and provide rebates to encourage the replacement of inefficient residential appliances with new energy efficient residential appliances. The Energy Commission adopted the *SEEARP Guidelines* in December 2009 to help implement and administer the SEEARP. The *SEEARP Guidelines* establish the eligibility and procedural requirements to qualify for rebates for the purchase of eligible residential appliances. These *Guidelines* are available online at:

www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-400-2009-025/CEC-400-2009-025-CMF-REV4.PDF.

Printed copies of the Committee Draft version of the *Guideline* changes may be obtained by contacting:

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Public Participation

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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Date: December 9, 2011

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